this 10/24/70 in Harry proj. file

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Dear Harold,

I want to try to catch up on the less meloncholy material you have been sending. I have received your mailings of 8/26, 9/2, 3, (#1), 4, 19, 30, 10/10, 24.

Your note of 8/24 on Ronnie Caire: I don't think I have any interviews with him, or that I have asked the Archives. I will check this. [redacted]

Archives letter of 8/19 to you: I gather you are requesting the SS Control Numbers which the Archives doesn't have. From a hasty check it looks like they (# 127, 712, 916) were not sent to the Archives. I suspect that some or all are SS copies of FBI reports. In particular, SS 916, where Ferrie is indexed to pages 85-86, is probably the same as CD 301, a big FBI report with Ferrie on the same pages.

By the way, Bud's office has not sent me any drafts or other material on your Ferrie suit. I do think I could be helpful on this.

Are you appealing the denial of the Government copy of the autopsy photos memo of transfer? Given the state of your relationship with the Archives, it might be good for me to make such an appeal. I asked for the memo on July 25, 1969 and got the standard refusal (private paper). The reason for withholding which they cite to you obviously won't hold up.

Have you any information about the SS copies of the DPD tapes? According to SS 324, the SS got a duplicate on or before 11/29, which was sent to Washington for "filtering, re-recording, and transcription." The transcript was suppposed to be attached to the SS report but, as far as I know, is not. I suppose you know that certain tapes (apparently obtained by Mary) are circulating now; the SS tape may have been gotten before certain changes were made. If you haven't already looked into this I would like to follow it up with the Archives and the SS.

Skolnick never responded to my request (with the required $2) for the documents of his "suit." Could you lend it to me so I can copy it?

Your notes on Butler, dated 10/24: according to the old INCA version (see my memo on Butler), Butler called Dodd, who asked him to come up and testify; also, Butler was in Boggs' office with the tape "just a few hours" after the assassination. The Archives apparently does not have his SISS testimony. (I enclose an exchange with Sen. Murphy about this. Copy for Gary also.) I also was informed (my letter of March 4, 1968) that the only interview of Butler they have is CD 231, page 18, very short and inadequate. That kind of report is quite consistent with the claim that he was interviewed after the [redacted] radio program. I gather that the NO Magazine article you referred to was sent out by INCA; I haven't seen this and would like a copy. I will make a DJ118 request, if the evidence in that article which says he was interviewed is good. I don't want to ask for something I can't prove exists. In fact, such an interview may be included in my one outstanding set of requests, which are on appeal. It has been two months, and I have no answer from the AG's office. (Cf. your letter of 9/1.) This might be a good case for me to file suit on.

Have you seen the Navasky article in the November Atlantic? Very good.

Sincerely,

Paul

cc: Gary